Mass Transfers of RBI Officers

164. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 400 officers of the Reserve Bank of India, especially those in the junior cadres, are under orders of transfer; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for effecting such mass transfers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India has reported that under Bank's transfer policy Officers who have completed five years or more at a centre are liable to be transferred. Accordingly, the Bank has issued transfer orders of 428 officers in grades 'A', 'B' and 'C'.

Change in brand name 'Pepsi Era'

165. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked Pepsi Foods to change its brand name 'Pepsi Era' for the soft drinks to be manufactured by the company;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) who will be the owner of the new name and whether it would be registered in India?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). On a request from M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd., they have been informed that there is no objection to their using the name 'Lehar' as prefix to the name 'Pepsi', '7 Up' and 'Mirinda'.

M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd. have intimated that they have applied for the registration of 'Lehar' trade mark with the Registrar of Trade Marks.

Raising the age of superannuation of Supreme Court Judges

166. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the age of superannuation of Supreme Court judges; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Release of one rupee coin to commemorate Birth Centenary of Dr. Ambedkar

167. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release special one rupee coin to commemorate the Birth Centenary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b). A request has recently been received for issue of coin to commemorate Birth Centenary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

इण्डियन एक्सप्रैस पत्र समूह के मालिकों के विरुद्ध विदेशी मुद्रा विनियमन अधिनियम का उल्लंघन किये जाने का आरोप

168. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या इण्डियन एक्सप्रैस पत्र समूह के मालिकों

के विरुद्ध विदेशी मुद्रा विनियमन अधिनियम का उल्लंघन किये जाने के लगाये गये आरोप की एक प्रति प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय से हाल ही में प्राप्त हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो आरोपों का ब्यौरा क्या है और उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री अनिल शास्त्री): (क) सरकार का ध्यान एक्सप्रैस समूह कम्पनियों द्वारा विदेशी मुद्रा विनियमन अधिनियम के उल्लंघन के आरोपों की ओर आकृष्ट किया गया है।

(ख) एक विवरण सभा-पटल पर रखा जाता है। [**देखिए** परिशिष्ट 154, अनुपत्र सं॰ 9]

NTC Investment in Andhra Pradesh for Modernisation and Shifting of Spinning Mills

169. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTC is going to invest about Rs. 100 crore in Andhra Pradesh in the next three years for modernisation and shifting of spinning mills; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). The proposal for restructuring and amalgamation of NTC Mills in Andhra Pradesh is at a very preliminary stage of discussion with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Trade Pact between India and Vietnam

170. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Vietnam have agreed to sign a trade protocol envisaging a turnover of $ 100 million in the first year of its operation; and

(b) if so, what are other details of the protocol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) and (b). As per Agreed Minutes of the fourth India-Vietnam Joint Ministerial Commission meeting held at Hanoi on April 13—15, 1990, an agreement, in principle, has been reached on signing a Trade Protocol between India and Vietnam. It was agreed that both sides would strive to attain a turnover of US $ 100 million in the first year of its operation and suitable monitoring mechanism would be incorporated in the protocol to review the implementation periodically. The Indian side handed over to the Vietnamese side a draft Trade Protocol which would be finalised after that Vietnamese side has examined the same.

Inquiry into the strike in Korba Unit of BALCO

171. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered an inquiry into the causes of strike in Korba unit of BALCO and whether it is a fact that the management of the Korba Unit has taken a hasty step in closing down the production;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the inquiry;

(c) whether a report has been submitted to Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the findings, the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?